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Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary Department of Telecommunications and Energy 100 Cambridge Street Boston, MA 02110

Re:

NSTAR Gas Company, D.T.E. 05-46

Dear Secretary Cottrell:

Enclosed for filing please find NSTAR Gas Company's response to the Department's Supplemental Record Request in the above-referenced case.

Very truly yours,

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## Enclosures

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NSTAR Gas Company D.T.E. 05-46

Department of Telecommunications and Energy

Record Request: **DTE-1 (Supplemental)**Person Responsible: Max Gowen

December 15, 2005

## Record Request DTE-1 (Supplemental)

The Company stated that the Effective Degree Day Data was provided by a contractor that used information obtained from the U.S. Weather Bureau. See e.g., Exh. NSTAR-1, at 2, 12; Tr. at 9-11, 14. Please state whether the U.S. Weather Bureau is the name of the entity that provided the original data. If not, please provide clarification.

## Supplemental Response

The U.S. Weather Bureau is the former name of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's National Weather Service (the "National Weather Service"). Accordingly, the "U.S. Weather Bureau" should more properly be referred to as the National Weather Service. NSTAR Gas Company will include reference to the National Weather Service, as appropriate, in future Load Forecast and Resource Plans.